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Casper, WY 82601  
307-577-READ

Library Hours:  
(September through May)  
Mon-Thur: 10 AM — 9 PM  
Fri-Sat: 10 AM — 5 PM  
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Mon-Thur: 10 AM — 7 PM  
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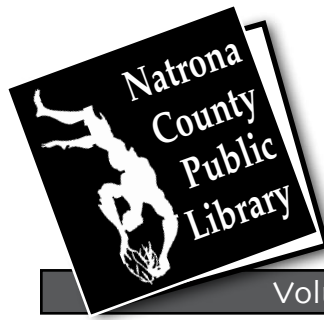
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# Community BUILDER

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## A Message From the Trustees



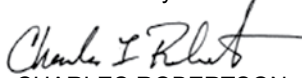
*Foundation President John Masterson, left, and Board of Trustees President Charles Robertson, right, stand on the former American Pipeyard property in downtown Casper. The Library Foundation has acquired the property as a future library building site. Photo by Dale Bohren, Casper Journal November 4, 2009, reprinted with permission.*

The Natrona County Public Library's Trustees wish to express our sincere thanks to the NCPL Foundation for their recent purchase of the former American Pipeyard as a future library building site. Thank you, also, to the numerous civic-minded donors who contributed to make this purchase possible.

While the Library Board has no plan to move forward with a capital campaign for a new library at this time, we are extremely grateful for the Foundation's efforts and their contributors' strong support. At a future date,

when community members agree it is time to build, this property will reduce the overall project cost since it will already be available.

On behalf of the Library Board, thank you for this very generous contribution to help build our community's future.

  
CHARLES ROBERTSON  
President, NCPL Board of Trustees

*\*Additional information about the Foundation's land purchase is located on page three.*

## The Property Purchase: What They're Saying

**County Commission Chair Rob Hendry:** "This is a great example of a private initiative that will benefit all the citizens of Natrona County. Forward thinking projects like this make Natrona County a great place to live. Thank you to the NCPL Foundation and their donors for their generosity and support."

**County Commissioner Matt Keating:** "I applaud the entrepreneurial initiative of the Library Foundation to raise private funds for this property. This demonstrates their forward thinking and commitment to supporting literacy in our community."

**City Manager Tom Forslund:** "I congratulate the Library Foundation on their purchase. We look forward to the site serving as a future anchor in the Old Yellowstone District."

**Casper Journal Publisher Dale Bohren:** "Whether or not you voted to support the library's effort in last year's election, this is a stunning move that is hard to characterize as anything less than positive. And generous, too...The Library Foundation is putting their money where their mouth is, so to speak. It's hard to argue with that."

# New OFFERINGS:

Here are a few of the 5,589 items added to your library since October:

## FICTION

- *Deeper Than Dead*, Tami Hoag
- *The Disciple*, Stephen Coonts
- *Trial By Fire*, J.A. Jance
- *Divine Misdemeanors*, Laurell K. Hamilton
- *Fired Up*, Jayne Ann Krentz

## NONFICTION

- *Credit Repair*, Robin Leonard
- *Dying for Heaven: Holy Pleasure and Suicide Bombers*, Ariel Glucklich
- *The Hidden Life of Deer*, Elizabeth Thomas

## MUSIC

- *For Your Entertainment*, Adam Lambert
- *Glee Soundtrack*
- *Hello Hurricane*, Switchfoot
- *Today's Top Ten Country*
- *The Twilight Saga: New Moon Soundtrack*

## AUDIOBOOKS

- *Fire Sale*, Sara Paretsky
- *Chasing Darkness*, Robert Crais
- *Going Rogue*, Sarah Palin
- *Tara Road*, Maeve Binchy
- *Home Before Dark*, Susan Wiggs
- *Almost Astronauts*, Tanya Lee Stone

## DVDs

- *American Violet*
- *Criminal Minds, Seasons 1-4*
- *Rediscovering God in America*
- *Imagine That*
- *Julie & Julia*
- *Public Enemies*

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## One Cent #14

Did you know that without one-cent revenues NCPL would have no funds to purchase new books, music and films? In November of 2010, Natrona County voters will have the opportunity to continue funding important community initiatives by means of one-cent #14.



The Natrona County Public Library has used one-cent funds to purchase all books, the bookmobile, computers and other library equipment. We could not serve our community at the current level without one-cent funds.

This year, projects will be chosen with increased citizen involvement. Rather than organizations presenting their requests to a one-cent committee, this year's projects will be directly nominated by citizens through a series of surveys and public meetings.

Library supporters who wish to help ensure continued funding for new books and library equipment should make their priorities known. You can keep up to date on current surveys and meetings by visiting [www.onecentprocess.com](http://www.onecentprocess.com).

## Vision 2020 – Casper Area Comprehensive Plan

County municipalities are currently writing a 10 year plan to forecast development within the Casper Metropolitan Area. The plan will anticipate important community wide initiatives including health, education, business, transportation, housing and quality of life.

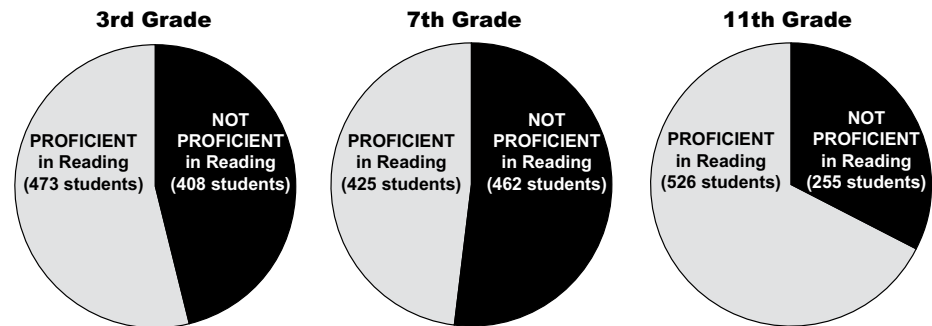


As a vital part of the Casper community, NCPL and a new main library should be included in this plan. We encourage publicly-minded citizens and library supporters to let the planners know how important a new library in a revitalized Old Yellowstone District will be to their families. Learn more at the planning website: [www.2020visionseeyourfuture.com](http://www.2020visionseeyourfuture.com).

## Library Advocates

The Friends of the Library is developing a new group of library advocates with the goal of encouraging visible public support for the future of NCPL services. If you would like to participate or learn more about this group, please contact Bob Hopkins at 472-1837.

## Spotlight on Reading



Graduating class of 2010

(numbers are based on 2009 PAWS test results and NCSD#1 school enrollment)

## Your library is here to help!

- Providing advice and library materials for parents to become involved in their child's education
- Offering storytimes and early childhood books
- Assisting in selection of age-appropriate materials

F O U N D A T I O N

# Making a Good Library Great: GIVING TO THE NCPL FOUNDATION

**W**hat is the difference between a good library and a great library? A great library is measured by its ability to go beyond basic services with the help of private funds to provide programs and collections of true distinction. With your help, our library can keep providing the quality programs and materials its patrons have come to expect – both today and in the future.

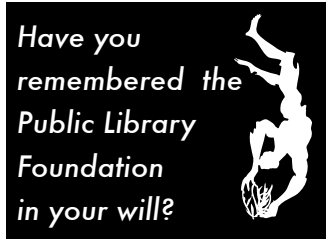
All endowment funds are placed in a permanent account to augment the library’s collections, provide expanded library programming and help operate the Foundation for years to come. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation or would like to learn more about the Foundation, please contact us at 237-4935, extension 104.

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Foundation Board members are available to discuss with you and your advisors the best planned giving opportunities.

Mail can be sent to: NCPL Foundation, 307 E. 2nd Street, Casper, WY 82601  
Checks payable to: The Natrona County Public Library Foundation  
All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



I am enclosing a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me to arrange a meeting to discuss future financial support.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

# LIBRARY FOUNDATION PURCHASES PROPERTY

The Natrona County Public Library Foundation has purchased a portion of the site formerly known as the American Pipeyard at 435 W. 1st Street in downtown Casper.

The five acre parcel was purchased with private funds raised by the Foundation and will be considered as a future library site.

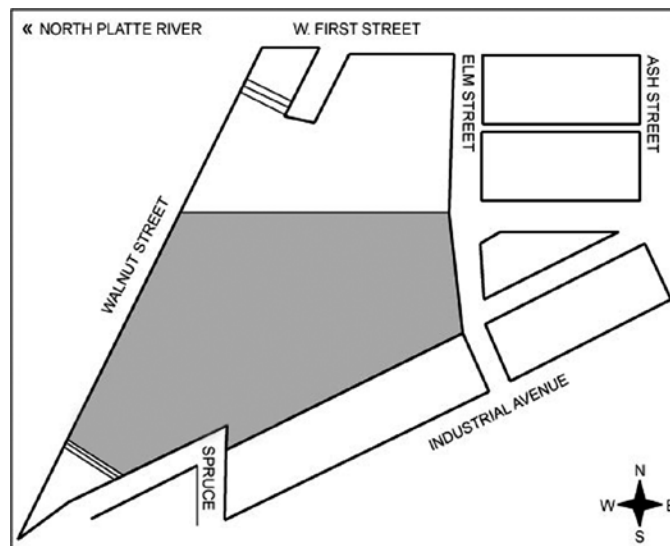
"The need for a new library is not going away," said Foundation Board President John Masterson.

"During last fall's ballot initiative, concerns were voiced about the purchase of the land and private donors stepped forward to address that issue. We are incredibly grateful to the generosity of the individual donors who provided the funds to purchase this land."

"When the opportunity arose to purchase this property, we asked the Foundation to pursue it," said Charles Robertson, President

of NCPL's Board of Trustees. "While we have no plans to pursue a building initiative at this time, we believe this downtown location is ideal for our long-term needs."

"Ultimately, the library is about our community, our children and our future," said Masterson. "We are honored to be able to participate in serving these needs and providing an insurance policy for the future."



## New Funds Proposed for Endowment Challenge Program

Governor Dave Freudenthal has proposed in his FY11 budget that an additional \$3 million be added to the Public Library Endowment Challenge Program.

In his budget message released to the legislature in December 2009, the Governor emphasized that the state's economic challenges should not prevent investment in Wyoming's resources stating, "Difficult revenue projections do not eliminate the need to continue the state's investment in wildlife habitat, local libraries and our state's cultural resources."

The endowment challenge program was originally created during the 2008 legislative session and currently allows library foundations to receive up to \$295,652 by raising matching funds according to a tier system based on county valuation. As an added incentive, once the state's library foundations have raised \$2.3 million, each endowment will receive an additional \$100,000 from the state.

Due to the generosity of private donors, the Natrona County Public Library Foundation met its challenge goal within the first eight months. If the Governor's budget recommendation is passed in the 2010 legislative session, the NCPL Foundation would be eligible to receive additional state match funds.

## A Special Thank You

*The NCPL Foundation wishes to extend a very special "Thank You" to the following individuals and organizations for their recent donations:*

John Traut  
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*Have you remembered the Public Library Foundation in your will?*

# Upcoming EVENTS

All events are held in the Crawford Room at Natrona County Public Library unless otherwise noted; please call 577-READ for more information.

## Read 100! Centennial Reading Challenge

**N**CPL will be 100 years old in May! Beginning in March, a number of events will begin to ring in the library's May 20th anniversary. You can help us celebrate by reading 100 chapters or books, either alone or with a group!

Readers of all ages are invited to participate in the "Read 100!" program. Individuals are challenged to read 100 chapters, and groups to read 100 books, between March 1 and May 15. Audiobooks count too. Books without chapters (such as picture books or graphic novels), magazines and newspapers each count as 1 chapter.

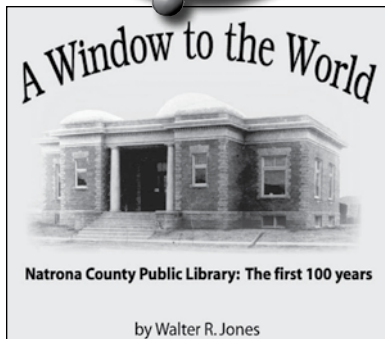
Groups may consist of classrooms, offices, families, or any other combination of friends, family, classmates, or co-workers. There is no limit to the number of readers in your group! To participate, pick up a reading log at any library branch starting in late February.

Successful participants will each receive a special 100th anniversary NCPL card. At the end of the 100 Chapter Challenge, a grand prize drawing will be held for a gift basket with 100 items, including library and Wyoming memorabilia.

Participants may enjoy reading books from authors who will visit the library in May as part of the celebrations. Craig Johnson, Wyoming author of *Dark Horse* and other mysteries, will visit the library on May 4. John Erickson, author of *Hank the Cowdog* and other books for children will be at NCPL May 13.

In addition, Walter Jones' new book about NCPL's history will be available. Jones will speak and sign books at two programs on May 6th. He will also participate in the final centennial celebration May 20th at 7pm.

Keep an eye on the library website for more information about the "Read 100!" program and other Centennial Celebration events!



*A few suggestions to read for the Challenge: books by Wyoming author Craig Johnson; local favorite Hank the Cowdog; and Walter Jones' new offering about NCPL.*

### ❖ FEBRUARY ❖

- 3 - Wednesday Writers, 10 AM
- 5 - VITA Income Tax Assistance, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 6 - Saturday Storytime, 10:30 AM
- 8 - Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 10 - Let's Talk College, 7 PM
- 12 - VITA Income Tax Assistance, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 13 - Teen Movie Night, 5 PM
- 15 - Library Closed: President's Day
- 16 - Independent Film, 6:30 PM
- 18 - Homebuying Basics, 6:30 PM
- 19 - VITA Income Tax Assistance, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 23 - Family Bunco Night, 6:30 PM
- 24 - Mystery Book Club, 6:30 PM
- 25 - Job Search Skills, 2 PM
- 25 - Refinancing Your Home, 6:30 PM

### ❖ MARCH ❖

- 2 - Read Across America, 6:30 PM
- 3 - Wednesday Writers, 10 AM
- 4 - Reverse Mortgages, 6:30 PM
- 5 - Elementary Art Show begins
- 5 - VITA Income Tax Assistance, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 6 - Saturday Storytime, 10:30 AM
- 7-13 - Teen Tech Week
- 8 - Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 10 - School's Out Movie, 2 PM
- 12 - VITA Income Tax Assistance, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 16 - Independent Film, 6:30 PM
- 17 - Let's Talk College, 7 PM
- 18 - Elementary Art Show Reception, 5:30 PM
- 19 - VITA Income Tax Assistance, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 20 - Teen Movie & Gaming Afternoon, 1-4 PM
- 20-27 - Friends of the Library Booksale
- 23 - Family Game Night, 6:30 PM
- 24 - Mystery Book Club, 6:30 PM
- 26 - VITA Income Tax Assistance, 10 AM - 2 PM

### ❖ APRIL ❖

- 2 - Library Closed: Good Friday
- 4 - Library Closed: Easter
- 7 - Wednesday Writers, 10 AM
- 7 - Marketing 2010 for small businesses, 6 PM
- 8 - Elementary Art Show Closes
- 9 - VITA Income Tax Assistance, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 11-17 - National Library Week
- 12 - Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 14 - Resume Writing Workshop, 2 PM
- 14 - Let's Talk College: Career Clusters, 7 PM
- 16 - Teen Movie Night, 5 PM
- 20 - Independent Film, 6:30 PM
- 21 - Family Night: Meet Author Pam Flowers, 6:30 PM
- 23 - Intro to Microsoft Word, 3 PM
- 27 - Job Search Skills, 10 AM
- 28 - Mystery Book Club, 6:30 PM

## Homeownership Series

**H**omeowners and potential homeowners are invited to attend upcoming workshops at NCPL to learn more about purchasing, refinancing or reverse mortgaging a home.

Cheryl Gillum from the Wyoming Community Development Authority will present a workshop on "Home Buying Basics" on Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 pm.

On Thursday, February 25th Bert Ladenburger from First Interstate Bank will discuss refinancing your home.

Reverse mortgages are the topic of the third workshop on Thursday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. Sherri Walling from Hilltop National Bank will discuss this special type of loan used by older Americans to convert their home equity into cash.



Regardless of what stage you are at in the homeownership process, NCPL has excellent resources to help you. Stop by the library to find out more.

## Mark Your Calendars

### Elementary Art Show

Elementary art from NCSD#1 classrooms will be on display at NCPL March 5-April 9. A reception featuring crafts and student-led tours will be held Thursday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m.

### Friends of the Library Booksale

The Friends' spring book sale will be held:

Saturday, March 20 — 9 am-5 pm

Sunday, March 21 — Noon-5 pm

Monday-Friday, March 22-26 — 11 am-6 pm

Saturday, March 27 — 10 am-2 pm.

### Edible Books

This year's Edible Book Fest featuring "foolish food and fun" will be part of NCPL's centennial celebration on May 20th. Participants of all ages are welcome to create book or 100th Anniversary-related edible creations for the event.

## Local Hero: Margie Morris

**M**argie faithfully helps with administrative jobs in the library and coordinates a team to package and mail newsletters each quarter. Her cheerful behind-the-scenes help goes a long way to help serve and communicate with library patrons. Thank you, Margie, for your excellent support as a library volunteer!



## Supporting the Troops

**A**s part of NCPL's "Salute to Soldiers" programs last fall, library patrons wrote over 400 letters and Christmas cards to soldiers. NCPL recently received a note of thanks from the Wyoming Army National Guard 960th Brigade Support Battalion, currently stationed in Camp Virginia, Kuwait. "Thank You" to all citizens who participated in supporting our troops during the holiday season.



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